

ORDINANCE 2015-05

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM AMENDING CHAPTER XIX, TITLED “STREETS AND SIDEWALKS” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM TO ADD A NEW SECTION 19-2, TITLED “RIGHTS OF WAY – MAILBOXES”

WHEREAS, the maintenance of the public Rights of Way is required for the safety of the general public; and

WHEREAS, the existing ordinances of the Township of Chatham do not regulate the placement of mailboxes in the Rights of Way; and

WHEREAS, it is advantageous to establish standards in Chapter XIX, Streets and Sidewalks, relating to the public use of the Rights of Way and to damage caused to residential rural delivery mailboxes located in the Rights of Way.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that Chapter XIX, Streets and Sidewalks, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Chatham is hereby amended to add the following Section 19-2 titled “Rights of Way – Mailboxes”:

Section 1. Mailboxes.

- A. Posts, stanchions or other support upon which mail-boxes are placed may be located in the Rights of Way in accordance with United States Post Office Regulations. Mailboxes which exceed United States Post Office Regulations are not a permitted structure and remain in the Rights of Way solely at the expense and liability of the abutting property owner.
- B. Should the Township, through its required maintenance activities, destroy a post and/or mailbox properly placed in the Rights of Way, the Township may reimburse the property owner the sum of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars for parts and labor or replace and install the post and/or mailbox with one of the Township’s selection. The property owner shall notify the Township in writing whether the property owner seeks payment of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars or replacement as provided herein.

Section 2. If any Section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the Section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage, adoption and publication according to law.

Introduced: January 22, 2015

Adopted: February 12, 2015

Attest:

TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BY: _____
Kevin M. Sullivan, Mayor

Gregory J. LaConte, Clerk